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The Examiner is requested to initial the reference as considered and return to the undersigned a new copy of the subject Form PTO-SB08a. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the form is attached, along with the English-language abstract of the Japanese Patent Publication No. 55-039629.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information item(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-SB08. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the item(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

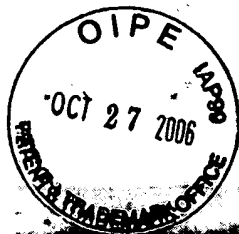
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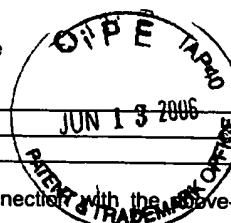
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